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JACOB JOSEPH, Esq., of Greenville, N. C., under date of October 25th, 1870, says: "I purchased of you last spring, I am satisfied it is the cheapest and best fertilizer we can use in the county of Alamance during the period of 1869 and 1870?"

A. Not at all, to my knowledge.

Q. Did you find it at all necessary to summon assistance to make the arrest of any body?

A. I never did in my life, at any time.

Q. In the execution of the duties of sheriff, while you held it and since you have been deputy, you have never found it necessary to summon a posse to aid you in making arrests?

A. I don't think I summoned anybody to help me make any arrest during the whole time that I have been an officer of the county. Superior Courts have been regularly held at their terms. The June term of 1870 was held, and the Fall term same year, was also; and so was the term preceding of 1869. I never did know of any resistance to the execution of any law in the county. I never heard of an officer being resisted in serving a legal process. I am generally acquainted with the officers of the county, the magistrates and constables. I never knew of any resistance to any of them. I have no knowledge of any resistance to serving any process in the county.

Chief Justice: You do not believe there was?

A. I do not. Q. Don't you believe that there has been any resistance to any one whatever?

A. No sir. Kirk and his command of troops arrived there, I think, in June. Am not positive about dates; was either June or July.

There had been Federal troops before Kirk came. The Federal troops came in the latter part of February, 1870. I think it was a full company, though do not know. There were a good many men, though not positive. Q. You see these Federal troops arrived there about the last of February or first of March. Did these troops or any other Federal troops remain there from that time onward?

A. I think they were there, with some intervals—one company would go and another would come. There may have been a few days they were not there. The last troops left there since Kirk's troops were discharged. They were there the whole time Kirk was there. The Federal troops came four or five months earlier than Kirk, and were quartered at the court house in Graham, and remained there from February or March down until after Kirk left the place. I never had occasion to call on these Federal troops for aid in the execution of my duties.

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## North Carolina-Bladen County.

IN PROBATE COURT, JANUARY 9, 1871.  
Petition to sell Land to make Assets.

Howard Smith, Administrator of Jonas Smith,

Heirs at Law of Jonas Smith,

Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court  
that the children of Wilson Smith and Simon  
Smith, who are heirs at law of Jonas Smith,  
reside in the limits of the State. It is further  
ordered, that the said children (whose names are  
not known) of Wilson Smith and Simon Smith,  
appear at the office of a Clerk of the Superior  
Court on the 18th day of February next, and  
then and there, in the manner and in this proceeding,  
or judgment will be rendered against them pro  
consesso.

(Witness) D. BLUE, C. S. O.

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## IMPEACHMENT.

NINTH DAY.

SENATE, CHAMBER, Feb. 6, 1871.

Court met at 12 o'clock, Chief Justice

Pearson in the chair.

Mr. Graham—Mr. Chief Justice and

Senators, we beg leave to offer in evidence

certified copies of the records of the Su

perior Court of Alamance county, showing

that the courts of justice were regularly

held in the fall term of 1869 and the

spring term of 1870 immediately anterior

to the invasion of the county by the armed

forces of Kirk.

The Clerk then read certificates setting

forth facts as indicated by Mr. Graham.

Also similar transcripts from the records of

Cassell Superior Court to the same effect

and purpose.

William J. Murray, a witness called on

behalf of the Managers, being duly sworn,

testified as follows:

I reside in the county of Alamance. I

now act as Deputy Sheriff. Was high

constable in the county. I have done a

good portion of the principal business of

the office of Sheriff for the past two years,

or while I have been Deputy. I have col

lected taxes and served processes in vari

ous ways. Have been all over the county

in the execution of my duties during the

years 1869 and 1870. The court of prob

ate and registration of deeds went on as

usual during these years. The various

townships were supplied with magistrates,

who have held their courts in the differ

ent townships since that system went into

operation. There were constables in all the

townships.

Chief Justice: The Court will hear the

objection.

Mr. Graham then proceeded to argue,

that the question involved in this enquiry

was whether there was an insurrection in

the county of Alamance; and before any

evidence is admitted upon the subject, it is

necessary to show some overt act of re

sistance to the government. Insurrection is

one form of treason, and before any

plot of a treasonable character can be

shown it is necessary, first, to show a le

veling of war—some treasonable act; in other

words, before there can be any evidence

advanced in regard to the existence of a

treasonable conspiracy, there must be

some overt act of resistance to the

government, which is laying war, and

any combination of any sort, not for the

purpose of resistance to law, is not treason

—is not insurrection.

The argument of Mr. Graham was a long

one, and replete with logical conclusions

# THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

WILMINGTON, N. C.  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1871.

[SPECIAL TO JOURNAL]  
Governor Caldwell on the Rampage

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 13th, 1871.

Governor Caldwell announced to the House of Representatives to-day, in a Special Message, that he would not issue his proclamation, as required by the Convention Act. For this refusal to perform his duty, it is thought that he will at once be impeached. H. A. L.

able gentlemen, of our own party, as Messrs. CONIGLARD and SMITH, are conducting the defense. Professionally, they could not have done less, and the greatest criminal is entitled to a full hearing and all the assistance of the law.

In reading over the Legislative proceedings, the most pleasing and noticeable feature that impresses the mind, is the absence of the names of the carpet-baggers who infested the Assembly of 1868-'9, and the Convention of 1868. The recollection of the days when these men strutted in our Halls of Legislation, and made laws for a people with whom they had neither interest nor sympathy, is like an oppressive dream. Our descendants will read the record of these times with amazement, as we do with humiliation. There are but two of the *genus* in the present Legislature, and they have "toned down" considerably, since the days when Ladd, Estes & Co., held disgraceful carnival in the Capitol.

WHEN Richard of England was dying, he made an imaginary will, and left "his avrare to the Citeaux, his luxury to the Grey Friars, and his bride to the Templars." When Littlefield, the Richard of the Ring, departed (from North Carolina), he transferred himself and his all to Reed, his brother carpet-bagger, the Governor of the unfortunate State of Florida. The shameless personal and official complicity of that functionary in the villainies of Littlefield, is one of the most flagrant outrages of Radical reconstruction. His connivance at, and participation in, the swindlings of the bold robber, stamp a new era in Executive history, that will be read, in after times, with incredulity, unless morals retrograde as time advances.

For the Journal.

DULIN Co., Feb. 13, 1870.

Dear Journal:—Old Dulin has organized for the campaign, and is alive to the Convention. I was agreeably surprised to see out on last Saturday, so many, of our prominent farmers and working men, to hear the Convention bill discussed.

Dulin is the first to act, where principle and interest is at stake. A county convention is called to meet at Kenansville on the 4th of March, to select delegates to represent us in the State Convention. I am unable to say who our delegates will be, but it is generally conceded that our old friend, Isaac B. Kelly, will be one.—Mr. Kelly is one of our best financiers, and by far the strongest man we have before the people. Public interest will be thoroughly protected, when it is in the hands of such men as Mr. Kelly.

You may put old Dulin down as a band in solid phalanx.

Yours as ever,  
SCOTCHMAN.

## Legislature of North Carolina.

SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 1871.

Mr. Love: A joint resolution in favor of Patrick McGowan, keeper of the Capitol. Passed its several readings. (It looks to the transfer of the keys, &c., of the Capitol from Friday Jones, colored, to Mr. McGowan.) Ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House.

Mr. Robins, of Rowan, introduced a bill transferring the county of Northampton from the sixth to the first judicial district. Under suspension of the rules, bill passed its several readings. Ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House.

On this bill Mr. Speed said, he desired the bill postponed for a few days until he could examine into it; thought we had quite enough of hasty legislation under suspension of the rules. Had heard nothing of the bill before it was read by the Clerk; he desired time to examine the bill and confer with the judge of the first district. Judge Pool now had one extra county added to his original district—thought he might be consulted before adding another, and a very large one. He received only the pay of other Judges that had 25 weeks. He will, if this county be added, have 40 weeks. Extra or special courts have extra pay. Take of the county of Dare and will not object to the addition of Northampton, but can't consent to both. As to the power to do it claimed there is no dispute. Might is not always right, nor will might well justify 10 counties to one Judge with the same pay as one with seven.

Mr. Cowley also said that if he had been correctly informed the purpose of the people of Northampton county was to get out of Judge Watt's circuit; he thought the object they proposed to attain a very commendable one, and if public remark in regard to the unfitness of His Honor for the position which he disgraces approximates the truth, it is certainly the duty of the Legislature to distribute the other counties in his circuit to the several Judges and get rid of him in that way. It is too expensive to impeach him.

Mr. Speed—Motion of favor of W. A. Allen, commissioner to take depositions in a contested election case from Granville and Person, and W. F. Batchelor, clerk to said commission. Under suspension of rules resolution passed its several readings.

The Chair announced the arrival of the hour for the sitting of the Senate as a court of impeachment.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 1871.

By Mr. Ashe:—A bill to incorporate the Pennsylvania and North Carolina Land and Lumber Company. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Currie, the bill to require all Presidents and Directors of railroads in this State to account with their successors in office for the property and effects of said Companies, &c., was taken up, amended and passed its several readings.

Mr. Harris, of Franklin, arose to a question of privilege in regard to a local item in this morning's *Sentinel* in regard to a conversation between himself and the other member from Franklin, Williamson, colored. Mr. H. wished to know if the author of the piece meant any insult by referring to him as being "not colored."

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting a letter from the President of the North Carolina Agricultural Society. The message, together with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Anderson: A resolution refusing leave of absence to members except in cases of sickness, &c.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the rules were suspended and the resolution considered. After some little debate the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, the bill to authorize the Commissioners of Onslow county to adjust their tax lists was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, the bill defining and amending the act incorporating the Wilmington Life Insurance Company was taken up and passed its several readings.

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# THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1871.

Captain S. A. Ashe.

We direct attention to the speech of Captain Ashe upon the bill concerning the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad. Captain Ashe is one of the most attentive and able members in the House. To his efforts and those of Senator McClellan, we are indebted for much of the favorable legislation in behalf of this road. The people of New Hanover have cause to be proud of these gentlemen.

Gathering of the Vultures.

But no—we rather wrong a bird which has somewhat of *misery* mingled with its filthy appetites, in comparing it, as we were about to do, to the hordes of seedy and greedy political prostitutes, who are daily flocking to Washington, to "testify" before the Southern Outrage Committee, so-called. A fitter ornithological designation would assign them to the genus "Buzzard."

There can be no doubt that a desperate effort is to be made, if not to "reconstruct" the Democratic Southern States, at least to legislate tyrannically towards them, in the interests of a Radical Presidential succession. That is the animus and aim of the whole infamous movement, so far as Grant, Morton & Co. are concerned, aided and promoted by a set of miscreants and Pariahs, in our own midst, who are actuated by the double motives of hate and plunder—conspirators, compared with whom Catiline was a model of public and private virtue, and leveling disturbers of the peace, by the side of whom Jack Cade was a saint.

Accompanying the mass of documents recently transmitted by Grant to Congress, in response to the Senate's resolution of enquiry, there appears, we have been informed, a letter from Gov. Holden, in which the positive affirmation is made that there exists in nearly all, if not in every one, of the counties of North Carolina, an organized and deliberate conspiracy to overthrow the State and Federal governments! It is an aggravation of the wicked mendacity of this allegation, that it was made but a few days after its author professed the religion of Him who is Truth and Love!

This gives the cue to the agents of falsehood and evil, who have heretofore executed the behests of Governor Holden, and, accordingly—and, especially, in view of the *appropriation* made by Congress, to pay willing witnesses, if not to *buy* convenient testimony—they are flocking to Washington with their ready inventions and tales of horror. Judge Settle has gone, and the apparition of *Concealment*, which may despoil him of his judicial perquisites, will be paraded before the committee as the work of the *Ku Klux*. Joe Holden has testified, and the impeachment of his Daddy, and his own defeat for Congress were certainly held up as terrible evidences of *Ku Klux*. Squatty Douglass is on hand, and the subsidence of the military fass and feathers, finery and *finery*, with which the doughty little warrior was inflated in those famous days when Clarke "girded on his sword for the third time at the call of his native State," (albeit "suffering excruciatingly from wounds received in two wars"), will, we may well imagine, be attributed exclusively to the *Ku Klux*. Bosher has been summond, and, undoubtedly, it must have been *Ku Klux* that put an end to his perquisites as a Detective—that modern official, by the way, introduced into our system, to show what a brilliant success Republican government has been. Kirk and Bergen will go, to swear that their alleged hanging and torture of respectable gentlemen was a fabrication, and that they were, themselves, compelled to leave the State by the *Ku Klux*.

Now, if it is not too much to assert, that even a committee of Radical Congressmen must appreciate the character of such witnesses as are crowding before them,—must see through their motives,—must be disgusted with their evident baseness,—must, in secret, be ashamed of the dirty tools they are compelled to use to subserve the interests of party. That this is the case, and that, at the same time, the work of persecution and of lawless interference is persisted in, is one of the most alarming and melancholy indications of these degenerate times.

We know not what may be the result. It is said, and it is, doubtless, true, that each successive aggression of the sort is another nail in the coffin of the party, *at the North*. But this is poor consolation to us for being made the victim of vengeful passion and the foot-ball of party schemers. This we do know, that each fresh outrage upon our liberties is an additional stab at the form of government under which we live, and gives a backward push to our efforts to rise from the depression and suffering of our condition. But while we know this we know, also, that there are higher considerations by which to be governed, and that neither our legislators nor people will be, as they ought not to be, swayed from their convictions of right, or from the requirements of honor, and duty, and justice, by apprehensions of what Congress may, or may not, do. If we are a State and people of the American Union, we are entitled to the protection of the government, and not to vindictive onslaughts upon our liberties and peace.

Impeachment.

The tenth day of the trial was consumed by the argument of counsel upon the issues involved in the objection of the Managers to their asking the witness (W. J. Murray) during Monday's session, questions in regard to the existence of certain secret political organizations in Alamance county. Mr. CONIGLIO, counsel for the respondent, continued the discussion. He was replied to by Governor Bragg on the part of the Managers. Mr. Smith then occupied the floor up to adjournment.

This argument was continued by Mr. Smith for the respondent, and by Governor Graham for the Managers on the

eleventh day. Mr. BOXDEN closed the argument. The Court adjourned without rendering a decision.

We regret our inability to publish the remarks of these eminent counsel, but their extreme length prevents. Indeed, with an exception, we are giving this trial in much greater detail than any other paper in the State. It consumes much of our space, but we appreciate its importance and interest, and will continue to give it as fully as possible. The public must depend upon the official report for the speeches delivered in the case.

North Carolina and Florida.

Formal war seems to have been declared by the Radical Governors of North Carolina and Florida. The militia of the two States have not yet been called into active service, but we look for this step next. Tallahassee is to be the modern Troy, around the walls of which the soldiers of the North Carolina *Menehunes* will seek to capture the Yankee Paris, who has, by his seductive arts, corrupted the keepers of North Carolina's credit, and borne her bonds captive to Florida's royal capital.

We have published the proclamation of His Excellency, Governor Caldwell, offering a reward of five thousand dollars for the arrest and delivery of Littlefield to the Sheriff of Buncombe county. It appears in response to this captivating offer, an attempt was made to secure the redoubtable swindler. A few nights since the sleeping car in which Littlefield was a passenger from Jacksonville to Tallahassee, was uncoupled at Live Oak by five men, three North Carolinians and two Floridians, who attempted to secure the prize. Judge Long, a Radical official, who was also a passenger, called upon the Sheriff of Suwannee county, who happened to be present, to summon an armed posse and protect "the General." This saved Littlefield. But it is understood that other plans for his capture exist, which annoy the "General" very much.

Now Littlefield is too valuable a customer to Governor Reed. He has paid him too much for his friendship, and the future holds out no flattering prospect to cowardly abandon "the General" to the emissaries of the Governor of North Carolina. Consequently he attempts to offset the reward of Governor Caldwell in the following:

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR—FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD!

To whom all the present shall give greeting:—Tod R. Caldwell, Lieutenant and Acting Governor of North Carolina, in a message to the Legislature of that State, dated January 21, 1871, has falsely represented the Governor of Florida, as well as himself, as his official personal character, and

Whereas, the said Tod R. Caldwell has, without compliance with the law of Congress, sought to obtain the person of a citizen of this State, and has, therefore, as far as possible, offered five thousand dollars for the forcible abduction of said citizen; and

Whereas, instigated by the said Tod R. Caldwell, certain evil disposed persons have in violation of the law, and for the forcible abduction of the State, Mitten St. Littlefield, a citizen of this state, without form of law.

Now, therefore, I, Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, hereby offer a reward of five thousand dollars for the apprehension of the said Tod R. Caldwell, a citizen of this State, and his associates, for the forcible abduction of the life and liberty and rights of the said citizen, while he was peacefully yielding obedience to law, and seeks no excuse for his just claims.

In testimony whereof, I have caused to be affixed to the Great Seal of the State, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 23 day of February, A. D. 1871.

Seal. HARRISON REED, Governor.

Attest:

JOHNATHAN C. GIBBS,  
Secretary of State.

Where this will end we cannot tell. It is one of the "humors" of reconstruction. It is the result of placing in power the corrupt men who have controlled the Southern States since reconstruction. It opens a new chapter in "Southern outrages."

The Present Attitude of England.

Since the modern European States began to emerge from the chaos of the Middle Ages, the necessity of a certain balance of power has been recognized among them. This balance has been enforced more than once, at the cost of several bloody wars. Thus arose the war of the "Spanish Succession," to limit the encroachments of Louis XIV. The coalitions formed against Napoleon had for their object to bridle his boundless ambition. Later yet, we see the Crimean war undertaken, not really to support the Ottoman Empire, but to check the menacing development of Russia. The necessity of maintaining a balance of power among the nations of Europe, has always been considered as self evident; but it is a sad commentary upon the civilization of the Christian world. It rests upon the fact, unfortunately too true, that so soon as one of these so-called Christian nations becomes strong enough, it turns to robbing and plundering its weaker neighbors in despite of all right and justice, until they are compelled to band together and put a limit to the aggressions of the common enemy.

In former days England, guided by far-sighted statesmen, was foremost in enforcing the balance of power. It was her gold that subsidized the armies of Russia, Austria, Prussia and Spain, and it was her inflexible resistance which repelled all Europe from the grasp of the first Napoleon.

But the present day seems to have brought a remarkable dearth of great men in England and nearly all over the world.

Twice within ten years, England, from mere incapacity and hesitation on the part of her government, has let slip the opportunity of confirming and strengthening her leading position among the powers of the earth. The first was when she refused to join Louis Napoleon in recognizing the Southern Confederacy. The second, when she allowed France, her only true and steadfast ally in later years, to be crushed by her present degree of helplessness.

Now, when it is too late, she is becoming alarmed; she is about to increase and remodel her army. She is strengthening the garrisons of her Channel Islands and repairing their fortifications.

She is trying to propitiate the United States by concessions upon the Fisheries and Alabama questions. But all this will be insufficient to restore her to her former proud position. She is threatened by Germany and bullied by the United States, which, under the guidance of a Butler, a

Sumner and a Grant, will grow in arrogance in proportion to the concessions offered. Russia, on her side, contemptuously disregards the voice of Great Britain, haughty rends to pieces the treaty of Paris, and prepares to resume her predestined march towards Constantinople and India. "Make a sheep of yourself," says an old proverb, "and everybody will fleece you."

England's government has let the whole world understand that she will not draw the sword for any interest but her own, and even then, only when driven to the wall. She deserted Denmark, to whom she had promised her support. She withdrew her guarantee to the Luxembourg treaty at the first growl of Bismarck. Threatened by Irish-American hatred from this side of the Atlantic, by Fenianism at home, by ill concealed German hostility and by Russian ambition in the East, she looks in vain through all the world for an ally or a friend in the approaching storm. Such is the result of a selfish policy which sacrificed allies, national obligations, and even future security and preponderance for the sake of present safety.

Well, the "balance of power" is effectually upset for the present. Might now reign as the supreme and only law. Judging from past history and from the universal tendency of the human mind, it is reasonable to expect that the German Empire will now assume the place and resume the part of the first French Empire. Already the secondary States of Germany occupy towards the Imperial government at Berlin a position similar to that which they held towards the government of Napoleon the First. Already Luxembourg, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland are disturbed by the uttered menaces of the ill-concealed covetousness of Prussia. It is fair to presume that the German Empire will continue its conquests until its power becomes so dangerous to all other nations as to force them into coalition against it; and the next ten years may bring about a counterpart of the wars of the Napoleonic era. It is a lamentable and mournful prospect, which threatens to delay for an indefinite period the progress of human liberty and civilization in Europe.

Consolidation.

Dear Journal:—The people of Western North Carolina believe that your heart is in the right place, and you have in view the best interests of the whole commonwealth.

They are glad to hear that you "would like to see the North Western North Carolina Railroad completed through to the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad." And yet, after reading your leader of the 1st, the impression prevails, that by some means you have reached wrong conclusions.

In view of this we propose briefly to demonstrate that the true interests of the North Carolina Railroad, and through it, of the entire State, particularly of the Eastern portion, require the consolidation of the North Western North Carolina Road, with the North Carolina, as contemplated in the bill recently passed by the State Senate.

The North Western North Carolina Railroad will pass through the counties of Guilford, Forsyth, Yadkin, Wilkes, Caldwell, &c., to the Tennessee border. These counties are of the wealthiest in the Western part of the State. This road will form an outlet to the markets of the East, as desired, for the products of the fertile Yadkin Valley, now unavailable from lack of transportation facilities. It will increase many times the products of this fertile section.

The management of the N. W. N. C. R. has been honest and economical. Originally chartered by the Convention of 1868, an appropriation of \$10,000 per mile was granted. By subsequent Legislative enactment, the appropriation was increased to \$20,000 per mile, and the bonds of the State transferred to the Company. Encouraged by this appropriation the citizens of Forsyth and Guilford subscribed, of their private means, nearly \$200,000, by means of which the road-bed has been completed from Greensboro' to Gilead, a distance of thirty miles. Remember this was accomplished without any State aid. All the bonds of the State were returned to the Treasury, when required by law. The Committee reported facts which they believed they had done as far as they were able; it was ground sufficient to impeach any Governor, &c.

Mr. Robinson said that as the precedent of Mr. French, to the 6th section, giving the Superintendent of Public Instruction an assistant with a salary of \$1,000 per year, and forbids the employment of any assistant, or the allowance of any travelling expenses.

Mr. Johnson offered a substitute for the amendment giving the Superintendent an assistant with a salary of \$750 per year, provided he employs an intelligent colored man. Lost.

Mr. Withers moved to insert the word "colored" after the word "assistant." Carried.

The amendment of Mr. French, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. McFee offered a substitute for the section, giving the Superintendent a salary of \$1,200 per year and allowing an assistant at \$700 per year, with no allowance for travelling expenses.

Mr. McFee advocated his amendment in remarks of some length.

Mabson, colored, moved to strike out the word "colored" from the substitute.

Dudley, colored, opposed the striking out.

The yeas and nays were called, and the amendment was rejected by a vote of 15, 64.

Mr. Tomlinson moved to amend the salary by allowing the Superintendent a salary of \$1,300 per annum instead of \$1,200.

During the debate on this substitute, Mabson, colored, declared that under the present Constitution colored children had a perfect right to attend the common schools set apart for white children. Adjourned.

Virginia ports! Are the business men of the East—of Wilmington and Newbern, willing that such a result shall ensue?

Salem.

Legislature of North Carolina.

The proceedings of the Legislature have lately been of but very little interest to the people of this section. We give here the principal business transacted on Saturday and Monday:

In the Senate, on Saturday,

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, moved to take up the bill repealing the militia bill. It strikes out all authority under which it was claimed the late Kirk-Bargen movement was inaugurated. Passed several readings. Eppes and Price, both colored, voted in the negative.

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